

Amgysddislynn Urban District Council.



A N N U A L R E P O R T S

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Public Health Inspector

Year ended 31st December, 1969

Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council.



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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Committee consists of 17 Members of the Council

Chairman - Councillor T. A. Broad

Day of Meeting - First Tuesday in each
Month

Medical Officer of Health - Dr. K. E. Howells, M.B., M.S., D.P.H.,

Public Health Inspector and Shops Inspector - J. Lloyd Jones,
M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council.



R E P O R T

To the Chairman and Members
of the Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1969.

During the year the population of the Urban District rose by 70, although live births exceeded deaths by 78. The Birth Rate is approximately the same as the average for England and Wales, and is higher than last year. The Still Birth Rate shows a marked fall compared to last year, but is still higher than that for England and Wales. The Infant Mortality Rate shows the same trend, as does the Perinatal Rate. Again there were no deaths attributable to pregnancy or childbirth.

The Death Rate is higher than last year and the adjusted rate is higher than that for England and Wales. Diseases of the heart and circulatory system accounted for 54% of all deaths and diseases of the heart alone accounted for 40%. The next largest group were deaths from cancer, which accounted for 14% of all deaths. Half of all male deaths for cancer were due to cancer of the lung.

I am,
Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

K. E. HOWELLS

Medical Officer of Health

MYNYDDISLWYN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Area of District	5,415 acres
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1969	£322,391
Product of 1d. Rate 1969	£1,265.18.3d.
Population (Estimated Mid 1968)	15,710
Population (Estimated Mid 1969)	15,780
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1968 (Crude)	14.8
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1968 (Adjusted)	13.0
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1969 (Crude)	16.2
Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1969 (Adjusted)	16.4
Live Births for 1968	232
Live Births for 1969	255
Number of Deaths for 1968	157
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1968 (Crude)	10.0
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1968 (Adjusted)	10.8
Number of Deaths for 1969	177
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1969 (Crude)	11.2
Death Rate per 1,000 of the population for 1969 (Adjusted)	14.3
Infant Mortality Rate for 1968	26.0
Infant Mortality Rate for 1969	20.0

BIRTHS AND INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES

Number of births registered locally belonging to the District ..	35
Number of births registered outside the District	220
Total number of births given in the Registrar General's Return	255
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population (Crude) ..	16.2
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population (Adjusted)	16.4
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	6
Number of still births,	4
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births	15
Total live and still births	259
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	5
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births	20.0
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births ..	20.9
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births ..	0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	20.0
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	16.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	31.0
Number of deaths from pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	0

Showing the Comparisons of the Vital Statistics
of Mynyddislwyn Urban District, Monmouthshire
County Council, and England and Wales for the
year 1969

	Mynyddislwyn Urban District	England and Wales	Monmouthshire County Council
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	16.4	16.3	16.91
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	15	13	16.17
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	20	18	20.73
Total Death Rate per 1,000 of population (adjusted)	14.3	11.9	14.0

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Showing the number of births registered in the Mynyddislwyn Urban Area during 1969 according to sex, month, quarter of occurrence, together with transferable births.

Month	Male	Female	Total	Quarterly Births
January	2	1	3	
February	3	-	3	
March	2	3	5	11
April	1	2	3	
May	1	1	2	
June	2	1	3	8
July	-	3	3	
August	2	2	4	
September	2	1	3	10
October	-	2	2	
November	1	1	2	
December	2	1	3	7
Totals	18	18	36	36
Inward Transferable Births	110	109	219	-
Grand Total for 1969	128	127	255	-

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Showing the infant deaths (i.e. deaths in infants under 1 year of age)
occurring during 1969, by cause and in age groups.

Cause of Death	0 to 4 weeks	4 weeks to 1 year
Pneumonia	1	-
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	4	-
TOTAL.....	5	

SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes	Male 98	Female 79
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	-
Other Tuberculosis, Incl. Late Effects	1	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	4	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	-
Leukaemia	1	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	5	5
Diabetes Mellitus	1	2
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous system, etc	-	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	3
Hypertensive Disease	3	-
Ischaemic Disease	32	26
Other forms of Heart Disease	6	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	12	10
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	5	3
Influenza	2	-
Pneumonia	4	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	9	4
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	2	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	2
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	1	-
All Other Accidents	1	-
Deaths of infants under one year of age	3	2
Legitimate	3	2
Illegitimate	-	-
Total Births	128	127
Legitimate	116	123
Illegitimate	12	4
Still Births	3	1
Legitimate	3	-
Illegitimate	-	1

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Showing monthly notification of tuberculosis (all forms) for the year 1969

Month	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
January	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	-
April	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-
July	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	-	-	-

Comparison of Annual Tuberculosis Statistics

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TABLE VI

Analysis of Infectious Diseases in the District during 1969 showing age/sex distribution of the cases of Infectious Diseases notified in the District in 1969 also showing admission of same to hospital

Type of Disease	Under 1 year		1 year		2 years		3 years		4 years		5 - 7 years		8 - 10 years		11 - 13 years		14 - 18 years		19 - 25 years		26 - 35 years		36 - 45 years		All ages		TOTALS		Cases admitted to Hospital	
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f
Measles	3	3	4	-	3	6	3	6	6	6	12	5	1	-	3	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65	1	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Gastro Enteritis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	5	2	4	2	3	3	-	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	45	-	-	-

IMMUNISATIONS

for the year ended 31st December, 1969

	Age at date of first injection (as regards A) or of reinforcing injection (as regards B)			
	Under 1	1 to 3	4 - 16	TOTAL
A. Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation in the Authority's area (including temporary residents) during the six months.	1	141	13	155
B. Number of children who received a secondary (reinforcing) injection (i.e. subsequently to primary immunisation at an earlier age) during the year ended 31st December, 1969	-	72	249	321

SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS

1. Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated during period)

Age at date of vaccination	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 15	TOTAL
Number vaccinated	-	21	45	4	70
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	-	11	11

2. Number of cases specially reported during period (age groups as above)

(a) Generalised	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Post vaccinal Encephalomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Death from complications of vaccination other than (a) or (b)	-	-	-	-	-

Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council.



Public Health Inspector's

R E P O R T

for the year

1969

To the Chairman and Members of the
Mynyddislwyn Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report
for the year ended 31st December, 1969.

MILK SUPPLY

27 samples of milk were taken by the County Authority for analysis.

Number of inspections of Dairy Premises and Vehicles 17.

ICE-CREAM

By far the most of the ice-cream sold in the area is manufactured and pre-packed outside the area. As seen below, of the 33 retailers in the area, only three of them produced their own ice-cream.

There are 33 retailers of ice-cream on the Register.

Number of premises registered during 1969	-	1
Number of premises registered	-	33
Number of registered persons producing	-	3
Number of inspections of premises and vehicles	--	40
Number of samples taken	-	6

MEAT INSPECTION

There is at present no slaughterhouse in the area. Nearly all the meat obtained in the area is purchased from slaughterhouses in Measycwmmmer, Newport and Abergavenny, and all those premises are maintained by an adequate inspection staff.

FOOD PREMISES

In connection with the inspection of food premises, the following is a summary of the visits made throughout the year.

<u>Type of Premises</u>		<u>No. of Visits Made</u>
Butchers' Shops	-	103
Greengrocers' Shops	-	43
Fishmongers' Shops	-	19
Premises registered for preparation of Food	-	56
Other premises where food is stored/and/or sold	-	34
Cafes and Canteens	-	21
Premises registered for for sale of ice-cream	-	32

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT - SAMPLING

My acknowledgement is due again to the Weights and Measures Department for the County, in supplying me with the following information of samples of food and drink taken for examination under the Food and Drugs Act in this area.

During the year 1969 , 51 samples were taken, consisting of:-

27 Milk

24 Other Foods

All but one of the above samples were certified by the Public Analyst to be genuine.

Complaint - Tin of Cream and Semolina Apple Milk Pudding Contained Parts of a Large Fly

A member of the public complained to the Department of the discovery of parts of a fly in a tin of the above product. The manufacturers were prosecuted and found Guilty, and a Fine of £20 was imposed, together with Costs of £10.10.0d.

PARTICULARS OF ATTENDANCES AT THE COUNCIL'S SWIMMING BATHS AT PONTILLIANFRAITH

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Bathers (adults)	1,786	1,671	1,786	3,544
Bathers (juvenile)	13,466	16,885	13,466	14,392
Spectators (adults)	889	1,044	889	1,622
Spectators (juvenile)	1,241	1,572	1,241	1,047

Comparative figures of adult bathers give a fairly reliable indication of the weather in any particular summer, bearing in mind that this is an unheated out-door bath. 1969 was an obviously good season. There is never much variation in the attendances of youngsters. They appear to be hardy enough to enjoy bathing no matter what the temperature.

The paddling-pool which was built some years ago continues to be very popular. This amenity gives equal enjoyment to both toddlers and parents, who take the opportunity of relaxing on the very pleasant surrounding lawn whilst their offsprings enjoy themselves in more spirited fashion in the water.

MORTUARY FACILITIES

The District is provided with a modern well equipped mortuary which serves an increasingly large area.

During the year the number of post mortems carried out at these premises was 87, an increase of nearly 100% over previous years.

POULTRY PROCESSING PREMISES

There is one such premises in the area, this being established in late 1968. The operating firm ceased its activities after a very short time and the factory remained closed until 14th October, 1969 when it was taken over by a new firm.

The process consists of stunning by electrically charged plate, slaughter, scalding, defeathering by machinery, finished by hand, cooling, and storage in cold store. The bulk of the stock dealt with is chicken and the trade is in fresh undrawn poultry. No evisceration is done.

I have indicated in my last annual report the basic problems connected with this industry as regards processing, disposal of waste and inspection of the finished product. Further experience has shown that the handling, storage, and collection of waste, consisting mainly of feathers, present a major problem. Inside the factory, if no system of automatic removal is used, great care has to be taken in the control of feathers particularly if all the processes are carried out on one floor, as is so in this case.

The following are the statistics of the establishment regarding inspection throughput and condemnation. The figures apply for the period 14th October - 31st December, 1969.

Number of visits to the premises	-	23
Total number of birds Processed	-	88,652
Types of birds processed	-	Chicken (90%) Capon (6%) Turkey (4%)
Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption.	-	1.5%
Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption	-	4324 lbs

H O U S I N G 1 9 6 9

1. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:
 Number of defective dwelling houses in which defects were remedied in consequence of informal action by the local Authority or their Officers 56

Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 (Slum Clearance)

1. Number of dwelling houses closed..... -
2. Number of dwelling houses demolished..... 8
3. Number of families re-housed..... 1

Proceedings under the Public Health Act and Housing Act, 1967

1. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:
 - (a) By Owner..... 1
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners..... -
2. Number of unfit houses made fit after formal action under the Housing Act, 1957..... -

Progress of New Houses by the Local Authority and Private Enterprise

1. Number of dwellings completed by the Local Authority in 1969. 60
2. Number of dwellings completed by Private Enterprise in 1969.. 89

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1960

There is a total of 110 premises in the area to which the above Regulations, and in particular Regulations 16 & 19 apply. There have been some infringements of a relatively minor character which have been rectified without recourse to statutory action, but the main provisions have been complied with.

Exact classification of these premises is difficult because there is a growing trend for retailing establishments to deal with a wide range of commodities outside their predominant business. Butchers deal in greengrocery for instance, and grocery shops sell almost anything. Some public houses have a thriving trade in confectionery. However, the broad classification is as follows:-

Greengrocery & General Shops	51	Licenced Premises	29
Fried Fish Shops	5	Cafes and Canteens	115
Food Warehouses	1	Bake-houses	2
Butchers Shops	8		

RODENT CONTROL

During the year an entirely new service was introduced to deal with this work. Previously only one operator was employed and during his absence due to illness or holidays I had to rely on an untrained man to operate a skeleton service. For various reasons this was a very unsatisfactory arrangement.

On the retirement of the rodent operator, due to chronic ill-health, the Council engaged the services of a commercial firm on an annual contract basis. A full year's working has given me ample opportunity to assess the efficiency of this service, and I am pleased to report that the new system has been very satisfactory, both from a practical and administrative point of view.

LODGING HOUSE

There is no registered lodging house in the area.

WATER SUPPLIES

1. In general the water supplied by the Water Undertakers, Abertillery & District Water Board, is satisfactory as regards quality and quantity. There were no serious restrictions during the year.
2. Frequent bacteriological samples are taken by the Undertakers and reports to this Department indicate that the results of the analyses are satisfactory.
3. There is no evidence that the water is plumbo-solvent.
4. The number of dwelling houses and the approximate number of the population supplied from the mains are as follows:-
 1. Direct to the houses - 4,667 houses, 15,780 population
 2. By means of standpipes - 2 houses, 6 people.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Urban Area is adequately served by sewerage, the controlling body being the Western Valleys (Mon) Sewerage Board. There is no sewage works in the area. The number of dwellings not connected to the sewer is comparatively small, approximately 50, and these consist of farms and cottages in isolated parts of the area. In these cases with the aid of Improvement Grants, there is a growing tendency for the more primitive type of disposal to be exchanged for properly designed and constructed septic tanks.

F A C T O R I E S A C T 1 9 6 1

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on the Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	4	2	-	-
2. Factories in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	37	47	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
	41	49	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	BY H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-

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Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences(S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.....	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII of the Act

There are no outworkers operating in the area.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The following statistics are extracted from the Annual Report supplied by the Ministry of Labour:-

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of Premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of inspections during the year
Offices	1	12	4
Retail Shops	-	30	30
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	7	7
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	46
Retail Shops	72
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	12
Canteens	16
Fuel storage depots	-
Total	146
Total Males	50
Total Females	96

SUMMARY OF VISITS MADE WHICH ARE NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE
IN THE REPORT

Complaints

Total number investigated (all premises)..... 108

Drainage

Number of main or branch drains tested or inspected.... 24
Number of visits to work in progress..... 70

Dwelling Houses

Number of visits in connection with complaints..... 39
Re-visits..... 66
Investigation into living conditions..... 10
Investigations regarding infectious disease..... 34

Miscellaneous

Visits not otherwise classified..... 53

In conclusion, I should like to thank all Officers of all Departments of the Council for their kind and willing co-operation during the year.

I am,
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

J. LLOYD JONES

Public Health Inspector
and Shops Inspector



